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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of James Burwasser <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2016 11:17 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed rule 8.4(g)

Dec 6, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

This rule though designed to protect certain classes of individuals has the potential to be misused and to interfere with free speech and the religious freedom of others.

As sexual orientation and non birth gender identity are known to be considered wrong by several major religions, to impose a rule that could be interpreted as prohibiting sincere comments to that effect, discriminates against the free expression of those religions.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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